

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-27 have been allowed by the Examiner.

On page 2 in paragraph number 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has requested the deletion of reference numbers "132" and "134". During a telephone conversation between Examiner Blau and Applicants' representative, Examiner Blau agreed to delete the reference numerals that were objected to after the submission of the original copy of the original ribbon copy of the '617 patent.

Applicants respectfully submit herewith the original ribbon copy of U.S. Patent 5,944,617 as required by the Examiner.

INVITATION TO EXAMINER

If the Examiner believes that any additional matters need to be addressed to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned, by telephone, at the Examiner's convenience.

CONCLUSION

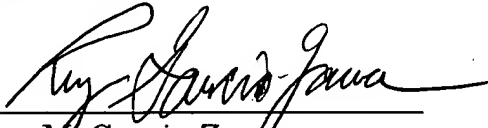
In view of the submission of the original ribbon of copy of U.S. Patent 5,944,617, Applicants.

respectfully submit that the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is proper and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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